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SUBJ: ANOTHER MOSCOW-LINE COMMUNIST MOVES UP

1. GRANMA, MARCH 27, LISTS LIONEL SOTO PRIETO, FORMER CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO THE US, AS CHIEF OF CUBAN CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. (FYI SOTO WAS PARTICIPATING IN VISIT OF DIMITER STANISHEV, SECRETARY OF BULGARIAN CP AND CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF BULGARIAN CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE. END FYI)

2. SOTO, A MOSCOW-LINE PSP COMMUNIST FROM PRE-REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD, THUS TAKE JOB FORMERLY HELD BY MOSCOW-LINE PSP COMMUNIST RAUL VALDES VIVO, WHO WAS RECENTLY PROMOTED TO CC SECRETARIAT. BOTH MEN, AND FOREIGN MINISTER AND FORMER PSP COMMUNIST ISIDORO MALMIERCA, ARE UNDER SUPERVISION OF VICE-PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN POLICY CZAR CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, HIMSELF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL FORMER PSP COMMUNIST CURRENTLY IN LEADERSHIP.

3. COMMENT: THE NAMING OF ANOTHER PSP COMMUNIST TO A PROMINENT FOREIGN RELATIONS POST SEEMS TOO BOLD A MOVE TO SUGGEST A CONSPIRATORIAL ACT OF POWER EXPANSION ON THE PART OF CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ. A MORE LIKELY EXPLANATION MAY
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BE THAT CASTRO VIEWS THE PSP COMMUNISTS AS USEFUL SYMBOLS OF HIS FIDELITY TO MOSCOW. BY APPEARING TO REWARD THEM, HE JUSTIFIES SOVIET GRANTING OF ECONOMIC LARGESSE TO CUBA AND MAY DEFLECT SOVIET CRITICISM OF OTHER (MORE ULTRA-REVOLUTIONARY) MEMBERS OF HIS LEADERSHIP. IN THIS REGARD, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT NONE OF THE SO-CALLED "POLITICAL ASSISTANTS" WHO CIRCULATE IN FIDEL'S PERSONAL ENTOURAGE (PEPIN NARANJO,

JESUS MONTANE, OSMANY CIENFUEGOS, JOSE MIYAR) HAVE APPARENTLY
BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE PSP IN THEIR ADULT YEARS. (FYI
CIENFUEGOS WAS APPARENTLY A MEMBER OF THE PSP YOUTH ORGANI-
ZATION BEFORE JOINING THE 26 OF JULY MOVEMENT. END FYI).
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